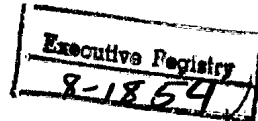


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Briefing of NSC on Maintenance of Technological Superiority - 17 May 1956

REFERENCES : (1) NSC Action 1522-e\*  
 (2) Report of the Working Group on "Maintenance of Technological Superiority" of the NSC Planning Board dated 20 December 1955

17 May 56  
 3 May 56  
 Postponing Date to be set.

1. In accordance with the request contained in the NSC Action referenced above, the Department of Defense and the Office of Defense Mobilization are cooperating in the preparation of the subject briefing to the National Security Council on 17 May 1956. It is expected that the Honorable C. C. Furnas, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development, will present the briefing.

2. This Office was represented in the Working Group which prepared Reference 2 and has been asked informally to furnish additional data on scientific manpower and other Soviet resources for use in the forthcoming briefing. It is anticipated that O/RR will be called on for material in connection with the economic aspects of the problem and possibly O/NE for a broad evaluation of Soviet motivation and resources.

3. Pertinent material for the information of the Director will be prepared by this Office a few days before the briefing takes place.

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HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.  
 Assistant Director  
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\* When NSC adopted 5602/1 (Basic Policy), it requested a presentation on the technical and organizational aspects of the problem.